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SUBJECT: CODEL LONG

REF: BANGKOK 13160

1. BOTH CODEL AND EMBASSY CONSIDER CODEL'S PHNOM PENH AUGUST 25-26 VISIT USEFUL: CODEL FOR INFORMATION AND IMPRESSIONS RECEIVED IN COUNTRY, US BOMBING OF WHICH HE TOOK LEAD IN STOPPING; EMBASSY FOR OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO CODEL'S MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT IMPACT OF MILITARY/POLITICAL SITUATION UPON CURRENT AND PROJECTED US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID ACTIVITIES.

2. IN 24-HOUR-LONG VISIT CODEL RECEIVED EMBASSY BRIEFINGS, TALKED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LONG BORET, PARLIAMEN-  
TARIANS ONG SIM AND TAN KIM HUON, PLAN MINISTER KHY TAIN LIM AND  
LON NOL'S FOREIGN ASSISTANCE EXPERT DY BELLONG, VISITED REFUGEE  
HOUSING, AND MADE IMPROMPTU US ELECTION-STYLE FORAYS  
INTO CENTRAL MARKET AND AUTO-DEFENSE TRAINING SESSIONS.  
WITH LONG BORETB CODEL EMPHASIZED AUGUST 15 BOMBING  
HALT MEANT END OF ACTIVE US MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN  
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SEASIA, BUT ASKED WHAT US COULD DO TO HELP IN OTHER

WAYS. LONG BORET SAID KHMER WILL FIGHT THEIR OWN BATTLES HENCEFORTH, SUBUT THEY NEED CONTINUED STRONG US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID.

3. IN RESPONDING TO QUESTION AT PRESS CONFERENCE, CODEL MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) HE WOULD NOT FAVOR AID TO A GOVERNMENT HEADED BY SIHWGOUK BECAUSE HE ASSUMED IT WOULD BE COMMUNIST, AND US HAS ENOUGH TROUBLE PAYING FOR ITS OWN DOMESTIC PROGRAMS AND FOREIGN AID FOR ITS ALLIES WITHOUT GIVING AID TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES;

(B) ALTHOUGH HE WILL PRESS FOR A REDUCTION IN OVERALL US MILITARY AID PROGRAMS IN MANY COUNTRIES, HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE ANY CUTBACK IN PROGRAMS WHERE THERE IS A DIRECT CONFRONTATION WITH OR THREAT FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, SUCH AS IN SOUTH KOREA, SOUTH VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND THAILAND.

(C) HE STRONGLY OPPOSES WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS DEPARTMENT'S "MERCHANTS OF DEATH" POLICY OF PRESSING FOR SALE OF US ARMS TO COUNTRIES WHO ARE ON GOOD TERMS WITH ONE ANOTHER, FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENT REASONS OR ON GROUNDS THAT "IF WE DON'T SELL THEM THE ARMS, SOMEONE ELSE WILL".

4. ON HIS DEPARTURE, CONGRESSMAN LONG INFORMED THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE HAD BEEN PLEASED BY HIS VISIT AND VERY GLAD HE HAD ALTERED HIS SCHEDULE TO MAKE IT. WE BELIEVE HE WILL SUPPORT CONTINUED PROGRAMS OF MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE GKR.  
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